

**Claims**

1. Famciclovir monohydrate.
- 5 2. Famciclovir monohydrate in pharmaceutically acceptable form.
3. A process for the preparation of a famciclovir monohydrate which process comprises dissolving anhydrous famciclovir in an aqueous medium and allowing the monohydrate to precipitate out from the solution.
- 10 4. A process for the preparation of a famciclovir monohydrate which process comprises exposing the anhydrous form of famciclovir to an atmosphere containing a high concentration of water vapour.
- 15 5. A pharmaceutical composition comprising famciclovir monohydrate, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
6. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 5, in the form of an aqueous suspension for oral administration.
- 20 7. A method of treatment or prophylaxis of viral infections in mammals, such as humans, which comprises the administration of famciclovir monohydrate.
8. Famciclovir monohydrate for use as an active therapeutic substance.
- 25 9. Famciclovir monohydrate for use in the treatment of viral infections.
10. The use of famciclovir monohydrate in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the treatment of viral infections.

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